

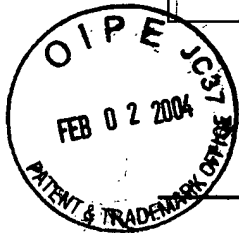
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This document is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 2, 2003 (Paper No. 18) in the above-referenced patent application. A request for a one-month extension of time is being filed herewith.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the amendments to the specification, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.